

## AUTOMATIC SUPPLIER SOURCING

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention automates the process  
5 by which requests for quotation are generated by  
manufacturers to suppliers. An RFQ engine resides on  
a manufacturers computer system and is used to  
generate a request for quotation (RFQ) template. The  
template describes the service or goods to be  
10 supplied by the suppliers. When the RFQ template is  
finalized, it is saved in a pre-designated storage  
space on the manufacturer's computer system and is  
indexed on an RFQ index mapping which is accessible  
by suppliers.

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